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The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A computer implemented method for
2 generating a goods receipt for approving and paying an
3 invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match
4 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a
5 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated
6 in quality and quantity against said purchase order,
7 comprising the steps of:

8 receiving a requisition from a requestor of
9 commodities;

10 marking said commodities upon said requisition as
11 either receivable or non-receivable commodities,
12 receivable commodities including selected commodities
13 that do not flow through a receiving dock where a dock
14 worker creates a receipt transaction into an
15 application which bridges to an accounts payable system
16 where a three way match of goods received, purchase
17 order, and invoice occurs;

18 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

19 matching said invoice to said purchase order and
20 determining if said invoice relates to an item
21 designated on said invoice as receivable;

22 upon determining that said invoice includes an
23 item requiring positive confirmation.

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24 blocking payment of said invoice and generating from
25 said invoice a notification to said requestor of
26 commodities that includes information needed to pay the
27 invoice and a selectable button for generating a
28 response for authorizing or rejecting payment to enable
29 said three way match by said requestor of goods
30 received, purchase order, and invoice;

31 for commodities marked as receivable including those
32 selected commodities that do not flow through said
33 receiving dock, executing a positive confirmation
34 process including:

35 responsive to a response ~~generated~~ entered by said
36 requestor authorizing payment, creating an
37 automated receipt transaction file including a
38 goods receipt and entering said transaction file
39 into an enterprise resource planning system for
40 payment; and

41 responsive to a response ~~generated~~ entered by said
42 requestor rejecting payment, creating an e-mail
43 notification to accounts payable for returning
44 said invoice to said vendor;

45 for commodities marked as non-receivable, executing a
46 negative confirmation process.

2-9 [Canceled]

1 10. [Currently amended] The method of claim 1,
2 said positive confirmation process further comprising the

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3 steps of recording a goods receipt indicating the acceptance
4 or rejection of payment of an invoice by said requestor to a
5 database at a front-end requisition and catalog server; and
6 notifying a back-end procurement services system on a
7 scheduled basis when payment of an invoice is accepted by
8 said requestor, ~~on a scheduled basis~~, by executing a bridge
9 for sending data from said database at said front-end
10 requisition and catalog server to said back-end procurement
11 services system for new invoice items for which payment has
12 been accepted.

13 11. [Original] The method of claim 10, further comprising
14 the step of posting as goods receipts at said back-end
15 procurement services system said new invoice items for which
16 payment has been accepted.

1 12. [Previously presented] The method of claim 10, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 directing said requestor to review a positive
4 confirmation notice within a front-end requisition and
5 catalog system;

6 responsive to said requestor logging in to said front-
7 end system, displaying said notification.

1 13. [Currently amended] System for generating a receipt
2 for approving and paying an invoice for commodities
3 triggered by a three way match whereby said invoice must
4 match terms and conditions of a purchase order, and goods
5 received must match those stated in quality and quantity
6 against said purchase order, comprising:

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7 a front-end requisition and catalog server; said front-
8 end server for marking said commodities upon
9 requisition as either receivable or non-receivable
10 commodities, receivable commodities including selected
11 commodities that do not flow through a receiving dock
12 where a dock worker creates a receipt transaction into
13 an application which bridges to an accounts payable
14 system where a three way match of goods received,
15 purchase order, and invoice occurs;

16 a user interface to said front-end server for receiving
17 positive confirmation notices and providing positive
18 confirmation responses;

19 a back-end procurement services system;

20 said front-end system responsive to receiving an
21 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of
22 requisition as a non-receivable commodity that was
23 sourced from said front-end server of executing a
24 negative confirmation process for payment
25 authorization;

26 said front-end server being responsive receiving an
27 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of
28 requisition as a receivable commodity for executing a
29 positive confirmation process for payment authorization
30 including matching said invoice to said purchase order
31 to identify an invoiced item as a receivable commodity,
32 blocking payment of said invoice, and generating from
33 said invoice for said receivable commodity a
34 notification to an authorizer that includes information

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35 needed to authorize payment of said invoice by
36 ~~generating said goods receipt~~ and a selectable button
37 for authorizing or rejecting payment to enable said
38 three way match by said requestor of goods received,
39 purchase order, and invoice; and

40 said front-end server being responsive to ~~a goods~~
41 ~~receipt generated by~~ said authorizer authorizing
42 payment for an invoice received for a commodity marked
43 at requisition as a receivable commodity for creating a
44 goods receipt in an automated receipt transaction file
45 and entering said transaction file into said back-end
46 system for payment.

14-16 [Canceled]

1 17. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 generating a goods receipt for use in approving and paying
5 an invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match
6 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a
7 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated
8 in quality and quantity against said purchase order, said
9 method steps comprising:

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11 marking said commodities upon requisition as either
12 receivable or non-receivable commodities, receivable
13 commodities including selected commodities that do not
14 flow through a receiving dock where a dock worker
15 creates a receipt transaction into an application which
16 bridges to an accounts payable system where a three way

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17 match of goods received, purchase order, and invoice
18 occurs;

19 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

20 determining if an item for goods on said invoice is for
21 a commodity item marked on said purchase order as
22 receivable or non-receivable;

23 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item
24 marked upon requisition as a non-receivable commodity,
25 executing a negative confirmation process for payment
26 authorization;

27 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item
28 marked upon requisition as a receivable commodity